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SUBJECT: UNDER SECRETARY OF COMMERCE VETTER TRAVEL TO U.K.

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1. APPRECIATE ARRANGEMENTS EMBASSY HAS MADE FOR SUBJECT VISIT. THE FOLLOWING ARE ANSWERS TO SPECIFIC QUESTIONS RAISED REFTEL.

2. BIO INFORMATION ON UNDER SECRETARY VETTER: EDWARD O. VETTER OF DALLAS, TEXAS, WAS SWORN IN AS UNDER SECRETARY OF COMMERCE ON JULY 7, 1976, SUCCEEDING JAMES A. BAKER, III. MR. VETTER WAS EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT AND CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER OF TEXAS INSTRUMENTS, INC. PRIOR TO HIS RETIREMENT IN NOVEMBER 1975. BORN ON OCTOBER 20, 1920, IN ROCHESTER, NEW YORK, MR. VETTER RECEIVED HIS B.S. DEGREE FROM THE MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY IN 1942. HE SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY FROM 1942 TO 1946. MR. VETTER JOINED THE STANDARD OIL COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA IN 1946. FROM 1952 TO 1957, HE WAS ASSOCIATED WITH THE GEOPHYSICAL SERVICE, INC. HE BECAME GENERAL MANAGER OF THE INDUSTRIAL

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INSTRUMENTATION DIVISION OF TEXAS INSTRUMENTS INC., IN

HOUSTON, TEXAS IN 1957. FROM 1959 TO 1966, HE WAS VICE
PRESIDENT AND MANAGER OF THE MATERIALS AND CONTROLS, INC.,

A SUBSIDIARY OF TEXAS INSTRUMENTS INC. IN ATTLEBORO,
MASSACHUSETTS, AND DURING 1966-67 WAS VICE PRESIDENT
FOR CORPORATE DEVELOPMENT. IN 1967, MR. VETTER BECAME
GROUP VICE PRESIDENT WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR SEVERAL
DIVISIONS INCLUDING THE TEXAS INSTRUMENTS SUPPLY COMPANY.
FROM 1969 TO MAY 1972, HE WAS GROUP VICE PRESIDENT AND
PRESIDENT OF THE GEOPHYSICAL SERVICE, INC., PRIOR TO
BECOMING EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT AND CHIEF FINANCIAL
OFFICER OF TEXAS INSTRUMENTS IN MAY 1972. MR. VETTER IS
MARRIED AND HAS FOUR CHILDREN.

3. MR. VETTER IS PLEASED TO ACCEPT ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL
MINISTER MILLER'S INVITATION TO LUNCHEON AUGUST 2.

4. COMMERCE CONCURS WITH EMBASSY RECOMMENDATION TO OMIT
PRESS CONFERENCE IN LIGHT OF TIGHTNESS OF SCHEDULE.

5. INFORMATION ON TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION WITH SECRETARY
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